



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hf  
KRW

APPELLANTS: David V. James and William Rivard  
SERIAL NO: 10/040,166  
FILING DATE: December 31, 2001  
TITLE: Apparatus And Method For Inter-Node  
Communication  
EXAMINER: Frank Duong  
ART UNIT: 2666  
ATTORNEY DKT: P2092D/1612US

**APPEAL BRIEF**

Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This appeal is from the final office action dated March 29, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-34, which are reproduced as an Appendix to this brief. Please charge any fees

11/01/2004 100000000 501443 10040166  
necessary for prosecution of the present application to deposit account no. 50-1443.

10/05/2004 HUONG1 00000050 10040166  
01 10.1231 10.00 0.00

01 FC:1402 330.00 DP

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION  
37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 29, 2004.

*Nancy R. Simon*

Nancy R. Simon